

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the present application as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A system for assisting a blind and or low vision users with taking notes, the system comprising:

a portable Braille notetaker dimensioned to fit upon the lap of the user, the Braille notetaker including a housing with first and second opposing faces and with slots and a connector formed along the first face, the housing further including a number of clips for securing the Braille notetaker to a carrying strap, the Braille notetaker further including;

a battery pack removably attached to the second face of the housing, the battery pack functioning to power the Braille notetaker; comprising;

a keyboard for inputting information, the keyboard including at least eight keys that together constitute a Braille keyboard, whereby the inputted information corresponds to Braille characters;

~~a memory for storing information;~~

~~at least one mating connector adapted to receive a corresponding mating pin of a detachable Braille display;~~

a speaker;

~~and a speech synthesizer for audibly outputting information by artificially producing human speech through the speaker from stored information; and~~

the system further including a portable detachable-refreshable Braille display dimensioned to fit upon the lap of the user, the Braille display including a housing with first and second opposing faces, pins and a mating connector extending from the first face of the Braille display, the pins adapted to be inserted within the slots of the Braille notetaker with the connector and mating connector in engagement, whereby the Braille notetaker and the Braille display can be removably coupled to one another and wherein power and data can be routed from the Braille notetaker to the Braille display by way of the connector and mating connector without the use of additional cables, the Braille display further including; ~~comprising;~~

a plurality of Braille cells, with each cell capable of displaying a single character in the Braille format, the plurality of Braille cells generating text;

a wheel for advancing the text generated by the Braille cells;

~~a housing which contains the plurality of Braille cells;~~

a switch for controlling whether the Braille display receives power from the battery pack of the Braille notetaker;

~~at least one mating pin adapted to releasably attach the detachable Braille display to the mating connector of the notetaker such that the Braille display can be attached to the notetaker without the use of additional cables.~~

2. (Deleted)

3. (currently amended) The system, as set forth in claim 1,
~~wherein the connector is a USB port, the at least one mating pins~~
~~formed on said Braille display being a USB connector, the at least~~
~~one mating connectors formed on said notetaker being a USB~~
~~connector adapted to releasably engage the USB connector formed on~~
~~the Braille display, the Braille display USB connector adapted to~~
~~receive both data to be displayed and electrical power from the~~
~~notetaker through the USB connection.~~

4. (previously amended) The system as set forth in claim 1,
wherein the Braille display includes a port adapted to be connected
to a personal computer for receiving data to be displayed.

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7. (Deleted)